

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/CA2004/001988

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC (7): A47B 87/00; A47B 96/00; A47B 83/04; F16B 12/00; F16B 1/00

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic database(s) consulted during the international search (name of database(s) and, where practicable, search terms used)
Delphion, USPTO, Questel-Orbit, Techsource

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No(s).
X	EP 0942108 (Reith, Enzersdorf, AT,), 15 September 1999, Entire document	1 and 3
Y		1 to 11, 19 to 21, 23 to 28, 30 to 37 and 40 to 46
Y	EP 0682892 (Kelly et al., Kirkwood, US), 22 November 1998, Entire document	4, 5 and 41
Y	EP 0233463 (Burr, East Norwalk, US), 26 August 1987, Entire document	2 and 5
Y	WO 93/21027 (Kelley et al., Spring Lake, US), 28 October 1993, Entire document	6
Y	WO 01/21046 (D'urbino et al., Milano, IT), 29 March 2001, Entire document	7 to 10, 25, 30 to 37 and 40 to 46
Y	US 5354126 (Pedrego, Long Beach, US), 11 October 1994, Entire document	35

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

☒ See patent family annex.

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of the first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons :

1. ☐ Claim Nos. :
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely :
2. ☐ Claim Nos. :
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically :
3. ☐ Claim Nos. :
because they are dependant claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows :

Group A: Claims 1 to 29 are directed to a piece of furniture comprising first and second parts, each including first and second outer surfaces, a seam and a polymer coating.

Group B: Claims 30 to 46 are directed to a piece of furniture comprising a work surface, an upper surface, an underside and a panel; the panel including a curved outer surface, a wall and a substructure.

Group C: Claims 47 to 51 are directed to a piece of furniture comprising a work surface; the work surface including an upper surface and an item securing system; the item securing system including a retainer.

1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claim Nos. :
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claim Nos. :

Remark on Protest ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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